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**NOVEMBER 2012**



***Happy Thanksgiving!***



**What does November mean....**



It means that Halloween is officially over and maple colored leaves began to fall and grace our yards. It means that the Election season is coming to an end and most families start to prepare for the upcoming Holiday Season. Families and Communities pull together in order to help the less fortunate by volunteering, donating and contributing to others. Contributions are an important part of our history as Americans. Native Americans are one particular culture who have made contributions to the government, military, and the farming industry just to name a few. Native Americans have made a major impact on how we live our day to day life. If you have ever eaten a bag of popcorn, turkey, corn, put maple syrup on pancakes, or enjoyed a piece of chocolate; you have experienced a couple of the rewards of their contributions. Imagine what Thanksgiving dinner would be like without the contribution of Native Americans.

**IT IS A TIME OF AWARENESS**

November is Native American Heritage Month. President Obama has called upon all Americans to further commemorate Native American Heritage Month with appropriate programs and activities that will educate past, current and future generations.

**IT IS A TIME TO GIVE THANKS**

How do you give thanks to the Native Americans of this Nation? You give thanks through Remembrance, Educational Awareness, and Observance. Show your support by attending observances and educating yourself and others about a culture that has made such a huge impact on America.

"Serving Our People, Serving Our Nations: Native Visions for Future Generations"



**FREE BUS TOUR**  
 JOIN US AS WE VISIT THE SMITHSONIAN NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN IN WASHINGTON, DC.

Date: 20 November 2012  
 Time: 0900-1300  
 Lunch will be provided at the museum

RSVP Required NLT 9 Nov 12 – Please Call The Equal Opportunity Office  
 SFC Roberts (703)805-2288 or SFC Washington (703)805-5390  
 Open to all Military, Family Members, and DA Civilians. Leave will not be charged with supervisory approval.

NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN

HERITAGE MONTH 2012



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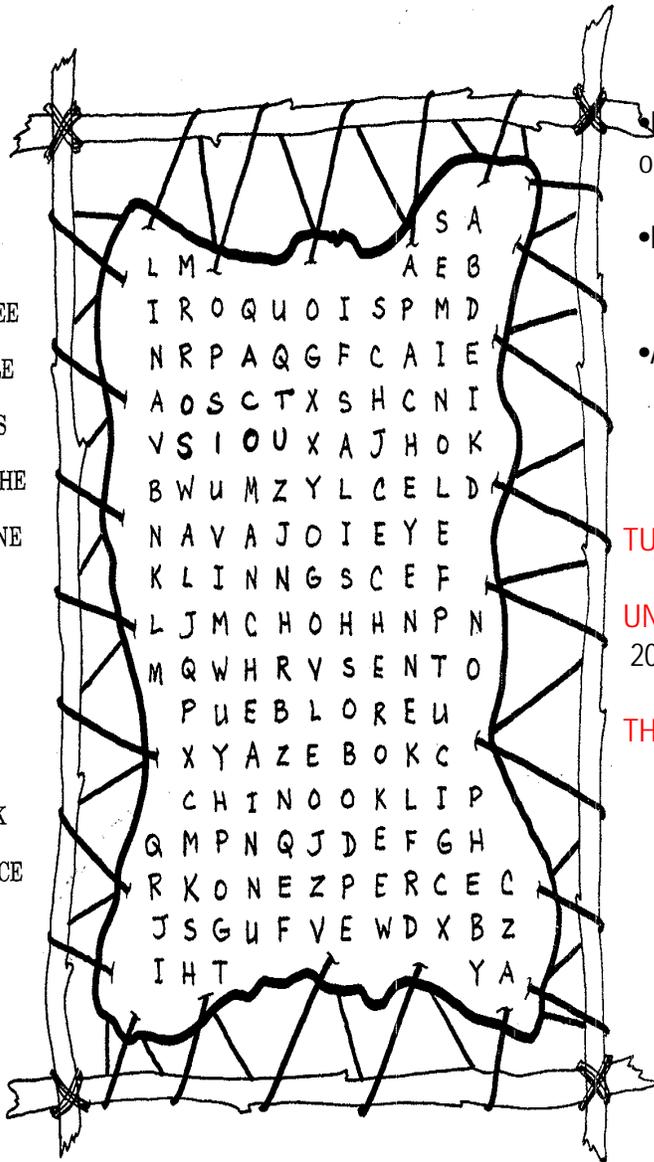
# November Facts, Birthdays, Puzzle and Important Events

## FACTS

- **November** comes from the Latin word root "novem", which means nine. It was originally the 9<sup>th</sup> month in the Roman Calendar.
- **First** national Thanksgiving Day in United States was proclaimed by President George Washington, on November 26, 1789.
- **President Obama** signed a proclamation designating November as "Military Family Month" and calling on all Americans to honor military families through private actions and public service.

Look for each of these Native American Tribes in the word search. The names can be found either across or down.

- CHEROKEE
- SEMINOLE
- IROQUOIS
- COMANCHE
- CHEYENNE
- SIOUX
- PUEBLO
- APACHE
- NAVAJO
- CHINOOK
- NEZ PERCE
- SALISH



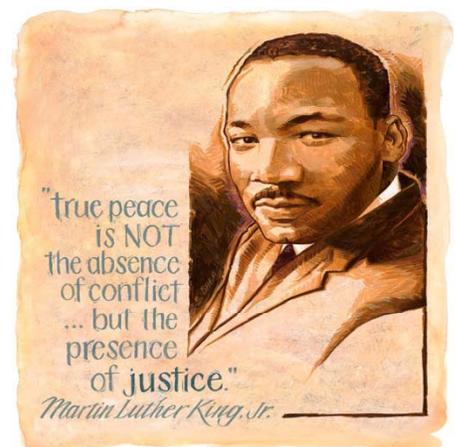
## Birthdays

- President Polk and President Harding were both born on Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>, but 70 years apart
- Native American leader Jawaharlal was born on Nov 14, 1889
- American Author Mark Twain was born Nov 30<sup>th</sup> 1835

## Important Events

- TURKEY TROT 5K/10K RUN will be held on 17 Nov 12
- UNIVERSIAL CHILDREN'S DAY is celebrated on 20 Nov 12
- THANKSGIVING is celebrated on 22 Nov 12

## UPCOMING EVENTS



Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
17 January 2013  
1130-1300  
FT Belvoir Officer Club  
Luncheon



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